

Redmond Arts Commission

2004 Annual Report

Enhancing Our Community through the Arts

Letter from the Chair

2004 was a very exciting year for the arts in Redmond. The Arts Commission offered a broad range of high quality arts opportunities to our community, added several substantial large scale art works to the city's collection, finalized the selection for art for the new City Hall building and implemented the beginnings of new programs and art works in the public sector. The commission also worked to include more information on the City's website and grew to support partnerships in the community. Many thanks are due to the Mayor and City Council who increased funding support for core arts programs to the increase to the per capita budget in December. The City's support and continued efforts to get outside grants and corporate partnerships allowed the arts programs to flourish. We thank all the artists, supporters, sponsors, volunteers and community for participating, contributing to and being a part of the growing arts in Redmond.

Phil Teller
Arts Commission Chair 2004

History

The Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) was formed in 1987 to address matters concerning the arts in Redmond. The commission's primary role is to recommend policies and procedures and to co-sponsor art programs that serve Redmond residents. The Arts Commissioners are nine citizen volunteers who are recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. They can serve up to two three-year terms.

The RAC has created a lively arts atmosphere in Redmond with indoor and outdoor public art (both permanent and temporary exhibits), two performing arts series, a literary arts festival, arts education programs and resources, and grant funding that supports community arts organizations and programs.

The RAC was the recipient of the 2002 National Recreation and Park Association Dorothy Muller Arts & Humanities Award, the 2003 Community Leadership Award from the Washington Association of School Administrators, and received an Honorable Mention in 2004 from the Washington Recreation and Park Association Community Spotlight Award for the RAC web Flash Media movie, presented at the State conference in April (see page 5 for how to view it on the city's web site).

Mission Statement

Enhancing our community through the arts.

Goals

1. Achieve excellence in arts programming for the people of Redmond.
2. Nurture and support artists, arts organizations and arts education.
3. Promote active participation and attendance of arts events by Redmond residents.
4. Build public-private partnerships to support a growing level of local cultural activity.

2004 Accomplishments

Performing Arts



Circus Contraption (WPS) also part of the King County Performance Network Program.